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Director of Training

Chief, Plans and Policy Staff

Comments on SR Training Requirements

1. Estimated training requirements:

a. There is no stated requirement for the Introduction to Overseas Effectiveness (IOE) course. It might be remarked that the RIS places great emphasis on "overseas effectiveness" and intensive, specific area training.

b. The requirement for intermediate and advanced Russian language training seems small; however, OTR cannot second-guess SR on this.

2. Photo training: We strongly concur in SR's discussion of photography training. This is a basic operational skill.

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4. Operational training/practical exercises: It is not always practical to devise exercises against specific, USSR targets; very few people will work against them in the field. Likewise, a specific Soviet target in a given country may not always be feasible. So, we may have to be satisfied with "type" countries -- friendly nations, neutral nations, and behind-the-curtain countries. We can give Sino-Soviet type-targets higher priority in our training courses.

5. Part-time training: Officers from other divisions, such as WH, have expressed the same wish for additional part-time courses. OTR needs to look into this more fully.

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6. Training detail v. training objectives: SR's comment on methods of instruction gives credence to C/PPS' and C/OS' belief that OS instructors need [REDACTED] training. We are working together on this.

7. Interrogation and Debriefing: We concur in SR's comments on this DD/P weakness and the need to give this subject more attention in basic training.

8. CI Training: We concur in the statement of the general CI training problem, but are not sure of the solution . . .

9. CI training/interrogation: We agree with SR's comment. This subject deserves the "full treatment" in basic and advanced training.

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